

## AUTHORIZE SALE OF LANDS IN PITTSBURGH, PA

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Mr. ROBSION of Kentucky, from the Committee on Mines and Mining, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 2720]

The Committee on Mines and Mining, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2720) to authorize the sale of some lands in Pittsburgh, Pa., having had the same under consideration, reports it back to the House with the recommendation that said bill with the following committee amendment be passed:

Strike out the period at the end of line 15 on page 2 and insert a colon and the following words:

*Provided*, That such sale shall be made on such terms and conditions as shall protect the uses of the Government property adjacent thereto as to light and other easements.

The bill as amended is as follows:

[H. R. 2720, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session]

A BILL To authorize the sale of lands in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell at not less than its appraised value and convey by his deed as such Secretary that certain parcel of land belonging to the United States situate in the fourteenth ward of the city of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, and particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone monument on the line of land of the United States and land of the National Tube Company, being south two degrees twenty-three minutes fifteen seconds east, a distance of ninety-one feet from Forbes Street and the northeast corner of the said property of the United States; thence south two degrees twenty-three minutes fifteen seconds east fifty-eight and eighty-nine one-hundredths feet to a stone monument, being a corner common to land of the United States and the tract now being described; thence north eighty-seven degrees thirty-six minutes forty-five seconds east sixty-six and seventy-one one-hundredths feet to a point on the line of land of the United States and land of the National Tube Company; thence north fifty degrees forty-one minutes fifteen seconds west seventy feet to a concrete monument, being a corner common

to the land of the National Tube Company and the tract as now being described; thence north fifty-two degrees twenty-six minutes fifteen seconds west twenty and eighty one-hundredths feet to a stone monument, being the point of beginning, containing one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six and four one-hundredths square feet: *Provided*, That such sale shall be made on such terms and conditions as shall protect the uses of the Government property adjacent thereto as to light and other easements.

The committee held hearings on this measure and from the evidence produced before the committee, together with the report of the Acting Secretary of the Interior, it appears there is no question but what the best interests of the Government will be served in passing this bill and making a sale of the lands mentioned in the bill. The report of the Acting Secretary of the Interior is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, April 21, 1924.

Hon. JOHN M. ROBSION,

*Chairman House Committee on Mines and Mining.*

MY DEAR MR. ROBSION: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 17, 1924, inclosing a copy of H. R. 2720, entitled, "A bill to authorize the sale of lands in Pittsburgh, Pa.," asking for an expression of opinion as to the advisability of giving favorable consideration to this measure.

Under the appropriation for the Bureau of Mines for the fiscal year 1923, \$28,000 was granted for the purchase of a tract of land, together with buildings thereon, adjoining the Bureau of Mines experimental station, 4800 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The primary purpose for acquiring this tract of land was to protect the Bureau of Mines building from having the light cut off by a research laboratory which the National Tube Co. proposed to build. That company thereupon bought the next lot beyond. It happens that the way the land is divided there it will be helpful to the National Tube Co. to have a small corner out of our land. This will in no way prejudice our interest or hinder us. On the other hand, it will be helpful to have the company's research laboratory next door. We expect to get considerable profit out of this land and it will add one more research institution to the group being built up in Pittsburgh at Schenley Park. Such a plan would be rendering a distinct service to Pittsburgh as well as to the Federal Government.

Accordingly, the enactment of this measure is recommended.

Very truly yours,

E. C. FINNEY, *Acting Secretary.*

